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Biography

August Herman Andresen was born in Newark, Kendall County, Ill., October 11, 1890; attended the public schools; moved with his parents to Grand Forks, N. Dak., in 1900, to Eagle Grove, Iowa, in 1902, and to Red Wing, Goodhue County, Minn., in 1905, attending the local schools in each place; was graduated from Red Wing (Minn.) Seminary, and from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., in 1912; special investigator for the Minnesota Department of Weights and Measures 1912–1915; was graduated from the St. Paul (Minn.) College of Law; was admitted to the bar in 1914 and commenced practice in Red Wing in 1915; member of the Minnesota Home Guards in 1918 and 1919; president of the Goodhue County Red Cross, the Goodhue County Soldiers' Memorial Association, and the Red Wing Chamber of Commerce; interested in financial and business enterprises and also engaged in agricultural pursuits; elected as a Republican to the Sixty-ninth and to the three succeeding Congresses (March 4, 1925–March 3, 1933); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1932 to the Seventy-third Congress; elected to the Seventy-fourth and to the eleven succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1935, until his death in the naval hospital, Bethesda, Md., January 14, 1958; interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Red Wing, Minn.

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TUESDAY, *January 14, 1958.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D. D., offered the following prayer:

God of all grace, we have entered upon this day beseeching Thee to inspire us with new ventures of faith, new vistas of hope, and new visions of a love bringing all mankind into a glad and grateful obedience to Thy holy will.

Grant that we may minister more faithfully and generously to the needs of men and nations everywhere as they look eagerly and wistfully for a light to illuminate the skyline of their loftiest aspirations.

May our differences in party politics never mar or break that unity of spirit and cooperation which is so sorely needed as we seek to gain those blessings of peace and prosperity which none can ever find or enjoy alone.

We thank Thee for the life and character of Thy servant whom Thou hast called unto Thyself. Thou hast opened unto him the gateway of the more abundant life and received him into Thy nearer presence. Give unto the members of the bereaved family Thy divine consolation.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. H. Carl Andersen].

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to advise the House that our beloved colleague from Minnesota, the Honorable AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, passed from our midst this morning. He had been recuperating from an illness at the Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and we had only recently been heartened by word that he was on his way to recovery and might soon return to his heavy labors here in the Congress of the United States.

He was born in Newark, Kendall County, Ill., on October 11, 1890, the son of Ole and Anna (Lunke) Andresen. His father was a Lutheran minister. At the age of 10, he and his family moved to Grand Forks, N. Dak., and 2 years later to Eagle Grove, Iowa. He later settled in Minnesota, where he entered the Red Wing Seminary in Red Wing and then St. Olaf College in Northfield, receiving bachelor of arts degrees from both institutions in 1912. He was admitted to the bar in 1914, and on receiving his bachelor of laws degree from St. Paul College of Law in 1915, he established his law practice in Red Wing which has been his home for the last 42 years. .

In this 16th term of service to his district, State, and Nation, it can safely be said that no man more faithfully performed the duties of his office. Looking around this Chamber I see only a few great men who were here prior to greet AUGUST when he first took his oath of office on January 3, 1925. Our distinguished Speaker was here along with the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. Vinson, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Reed, the gentleman from Missouri, Mr. Cannon, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Celler, the gentleman from Tennessee, Mr. Reece, and the gentleman from New York, Mr. Taber. His classmates of the 69th Congress who grace this body today are even fewer in numbers though equal in stature. They include our distinguished minority leader, Mr. Martin, the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Jenkins, and the gentlewoman from Massachusetts, Mrs. Rogers.

If any proof be needed as to the true greatness of our departed colleague it lies in the 16 times his constituents laid upon his shoulders the burdens of service in the House of Representatives. It may further be found upon the pages of our history in the last 32 years and certainly in the hearts of us all.

Any man or woman who serves here any length of time gains recognition for leadership in some particular field of legislation. AUGUST ANDRESEN was known from his first days

in Congress as a stalwart and unfailing friend of farm people. Minnesota has lost one of her most illustrious sons, but more tragically the Nation's farmers have lost one of their greatest friends in their time of most urgent need.

A leader in agriculture, he left his mark upon every piece of farm legislation enacted during his years of service. Preeminent in the field of dairy legislation, his leadership was not only recognized but it was followed on the dairy measures which came before us. One of the finest tributes to his character came when he led the last great fight here on this floor in behalf of the dairy industry and when it was over he still could number among his friends every man who had opposed his stand.

In committee and on and off the floor he could clasp in friendship the hand of every man or woman with whom he had served. He never shirked a duty regardless of personal feelings or sacrifice. He never compromised a principle, and he fought to the last breath for the things he believed were fair and just. Even in his hours of sadness and failing health, his seat on the great Committee on Agriculture was seldom empty.

He suffered a great personal loss last spring when his life partner, Julia, was taken from him. That tragic occurrence marked the end of his zest for life and all that remained for him was his service here with us. It is a remarkable tribute that his devotion to duty never lessened and his last months among us could be numbered among his days of greatest effort in behalf of the farm people he loved so deeply and served so faithfully.

His loss is mourned by many, and especially by his brother, Carl M. Andresen, of San Francisco, and two nephews, John L. Andresen, of Long Island, N. Y., and Carl M. Andresen, Jr., of Seattle. We extend our condolences and deepest sympathy to them in the loss of their brother and uncle. We also express our sorrow to our colleague's faithful office staff who knew probably better than any of us the greatness of his

character, the nobility of his spirit, and his limitless devotion to duty.

Our friend and colleague will walk among us no more. Even though other hands will take up his labors and carry his work forward, there will long be felt the void of his absence. May his spirit of dedication to the cause of justice, equity, and equality guide us in our efforts to serve our fellow men.

If any man deserved to have said of him at the close of his days, "Well done thou good and faithful servant," that man was AUGUST HERMAN ANDRESEN, the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to my colleague, the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. O'Hara].

Mr. O'HARA of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed with a very deep and sincere feeling of sadness that I join in the ceremonies today honoring my very good friend, AUGUST HERMAN ANDRESEN. In the old Minnesota Third District, before the last Reapportionment Act, Mr. ANDRESEN represented a part of the counties of my present district and the county in which I lived. I became acquainted with him then, and over these many years our friendship has ripened. I represent the congressional district which adjoins Mr. ANDRESEN'S First Congressional District, and my office adjoins his office here in the New House Office Building. I have had no closer, more personal friend than AUGUST ANDRESEN. I know of no one who has served his country with deeper devotion than Mr. ANDRESEN. I know of no Member of Congress who was more devoted and who gave more days and hours of his time to his district and to the people of his district. My colleague, the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. H. Carl Andersen], has spoken about his devotion to agriculture. Personally I consider AUGUST ANDRESEN one of the ablest experts upon the agricultural and dairy problems of our country. He had been a leader and a persuasive leader on the floor of the

House in the forming of all legislation pertaining to agriculture since he became a Member of the Congress. I know he was a devoted and faithful member of the Committee on Agriculture during his entire time in Congress. As we have learned so often in the past, the important work done in Congress is done in the legislative committees.

Mr. Speaker, it is indeed a loss to his district, it is indeed a loss to the great State of Minnesota, and it is a great loss to those of us here who knew AUGUST and loved him. It was sad to learn this morning that he had passed away during the night.

Mr. Speaker, may I say to you that of all the people I have known here, I knew no finer Christian gentleman than AUGUST ANDRESEN. When the heat of the debate was over, AUGUST still felt the same kindly Christian feelings toward those who disagreed with him as he felt toward his warm friends who agreed with him.

It is a great personal loss to me. I am acquainted with the staff who were so devoted to him, as he was to his staff. I know how they worked unceasingly for his district, for the State of Minnesota, and for this great country which AUGUST ANDRESEN loved so much.

I know how devoted Mr. and Mrs. Andresen were to one another. I know the great sadness that came to AUGUST when his wife, Julia, passed away last spring. I am sure that they are united in the heaven we all seek to enter.

I extend my deep personal sympathy to Mr. ANDRESEN'S brother, Carl M. Andresen, of San Francisco, and his two nephews, John Andresen and Carl Andresen.

Mr. JUDD. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. Judd].

Mr. JUDD. Mr. Speaker, it was not my privilege to know well our beloved departed colleague, AUGUST ANDRESEN, until

I came to the Congress in 1943, even though we were from the same State. Sometimes at political and other gatherings we shook hands and exchanged greetings, but I had not had the opportunity to get to know him well—as a person, as a legislator, or as a friend—until I came here. His going leaves a great emptiness in our hearts and in our House of Representatives that no one can fill.

Although shocked, I was not surprised at the sad news which came this morning. Mrs. Judd and I visited with AUGUST at the Bethesda Naval Hospital day before yesterday. It was clear that he was far from well. He had not gained as all of us hoped he would. But the good humor he exhibited, the twinkle in his eye, the little humorous twist that he so characteristically gave to comments in our conversation, made me know that whatever was ahead, AUGUST ANDRESEN was prepared to meet it with the calm, quiet strength with which he met everything that came in his long life of exceeding useful service to God, to country, and to his fellow men.

Doubtless the Nation and most in our State of Minnesota think of him first as the outstanding legislator that he was. He was diligent in his efforts, almost to a fault. No man on Capitol Hill worked harder or more tirelessly. Furthermore, in his legislative work, he learned early to shoot with a rifle instead of a shotgun. He did not spray his ammunition all over the landscape as do some, thereby reducing their influence and effectiveness in this body. He properly picked out agriculture, which is the basic industry of our State and particularly of his district, and especially the dairy industry, and concentrated on that. There was nothing in the whole field of agriculture that AUGUST ANDRESEN did not know and understand, and which he could not cogently explain and persuasively urge. How often we turned to him for information and advice and help—and so did people in the other districts of Minnesota. In his own District, the First, it seemed to me that he knew almost everybody by name and they all

knew him and respected and loved him as their devoted Representative here in Washington.

I must add, frankly, that I think one of the several things that contributed to the partial loss of zest for life that he seemed to have in recent months was his profound unhappiness about the agricultural situation in the United States. He had given his life to it. He knew that the farmers were in trouble and that no one had a satisfactory answer to the problem. There are plenty of suggested solutions, but, yet, he knew that there are defects or inadequacies in each proposal that has yet been made to get our agriculture on a reasonably equitable par with the rest of our Nation's economy. He was disappointed and discouraged.

But most of us in Minnesota, and I think in this House, will perhaps not think of AUGUST ANDRESEN first as the outstanding, constructive, and crusading legislator that he was. We will think of him even more as the fine Christian man and gentleman that he was. He was intelligent, industrious, devoted, forthright, and courageous; but always gentle and kindly. I never knew AUGUST ANDRESEN to say a sharp word to any man, or ever heard him say an unkind or derogatory word about an individual behind his back. He did his best in presenting his views and then accepted what happened without rancor. His minister father would have been justly proud of the son.

We in the Minnesota delegation who have known him the most closely will probably think of him first as a personal friend. To me he was more like a father—well, he was not old enough to be my father, but when I came down here he took me under his wing as if he were my father. No one could have been more concerned, more thoughtful, and more helpful than AUGUST ANDRESEN has always been to me personally.

It leaves an aching void in one's heart to think that he will not be here with us again. As my colleague from Minne-

sota [Mr. H. Carl Andersen] has said, when Julia Andresen, his lovely and devoted wife and partner of all the years was taken from him last year, something went out of him. He continued his work as always, but the fire in him seemed to have burned low. He lost 2 brothers, his wife, and 2 of her sisters in 1 year. No one and no interest could take their place. He worked in his office and went back to the lonely hotel suite. There was nothing else for him to do, really, except to work for his people, his State, and for our Nation until his broken heart gave out, as it did this morning.

Mr. Speaker, not soon will we who are here today be again privileged to know a man more wholeheartedly and single-mindedly and unselfishly devoted to our country and to the public welfare than AUGUST ANDRESEN. My deepest sympathy goes to his bereaved family.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Minnesota [Mrs. Knutson].

Mrs. KNUTSON. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply grieved and shocked to hear about the death of my good friend and colleague, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. Not only did we come from the same State but we were members of the same committee. That of course is where I learned to know AUGUST ANDRESEN. He was a very strong individualist, but I enjoyed talking to him because I appreciated his courtesies to me, a new member of the committee. He especially endeared himself to me on several occasions when I went out to visit his district to speak. He always said, "Well, Coya, don't be too hard on me." I always brought his greetings and good wishes to the district, and I know his people loved to hear from him.

My sympathies go to his whole family and those who loved him. I know we are going to miss him in our committee and in the House.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. Blatnik].

Mr. BLATNIK. Mr. Speaker, even when it is indicated that quite likely is the loss possible of one whom we have come to know well and who we have come to regard with respect and with affection, yet, when that sad event does take place, there is an unexpected grief, sadness and a void which words are inadequate to express.

In the 11 years I have been in the House it has been my good fortune to become personally acquainted with this great veteran, this distinguished senior Member of Minnesota's congressional delegation, the late respected and beloved AUGUST ANDRESEN.

However, I knew him long before I came to the House. I came to know him more than a quarter of a century ago when I entered as a freshman in the oldest teachers college west of the Mississippi River, Winona, Minn., which was in the southeast corner of the State, in the First District, the congressional district which our late beloved colleague has represented with such great distinction and effectiveness for almost a third of a century.

I recall then when the great problems confronting America were economic, and of all the economic sectors no group suffered as severely and intensely as the farmer. I recall as a young student the vigor and the earnestness with which the voice of the young, energetic, dedicated Congressman spoke in behalf of the farm people. He became an able and sincere legislator and always a gentleman, who devoted most of his life to public service. His ranking position on the House Committee on Agriculture, regardless of party affiliation, gave Minnesota's farmers a strong voice in that important committee and in shaping national farm policies and programs. As that voice grew, it became obvious that AUGUST H. ANDRESEN had not merely served his district and his State, but that being a Congressman was his life. It was a life shared in with devotion and loyalty by that wonderful person who was his wife whom he tragically lost last summer. It

can be said of few men that he gave his all for that in which he believed. He served with great effectiveness for a long period of time.

The State of Minnesota this past week began its centennial celebration marking 100 years of statehood. An outstanding paragraph in one of the chapters of that book of 100 years of the history of Minnesota will be the great service covering one-third of a century that AUGUST H. ANDRESEN rendered his district, State, and country. If I may relate a little personal sidelight, a little more than a quarter of a century ago, just about the time when I first had occasion as a college student in his district to meet this young Congressman, he took interest in a young high school student from Red Wing, a young student whom I knew at that time. In addition to being a good student, this young man was also most active in many other school activities. This young student's name from Red Wing was Lauris Norstad. In view of his exceptional scholastic record, his ability, his personality, and his character, Lauris Norstad was one of the early appointments to West Point by AUGUST ANDRESEN. We all know Lauris Norstad now as general, the Commanding General of NATO with headquarters in Paris.

So it is in deep and sincere sadness that I express the deepest sympathy to all the relatives of the Andresen family both of AUGUST and Mrs. Andresen, and join our colleagues in expressing as much as it is possible through the inadequacy of words our most heartfelt appreciation and gratitude for a great public servant.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. McCormack].

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grieved at the passing of our dear friend, AUGUST ANDRESEN. I was shocked when I heard this morning of his death. I knew that he was not feeling well, but I had no idea that his condition was serious. AUGUST ANDRESEN was one of the most

valuable Members of the Congress. He was serious and able. He was a student. He was a man of strong convictions honestly entertained. He made his marked contribution to the strength of our Nation during his years of service in this body. Every Member on both sides of the aisle who knew AUGUST admired and respected him. He was a man who grew upon you. The more you saw him, the more you liked him. As the result of our years of association in this body, there developed in me a profound feeling of respect for AUGUST ANDRESEN, and a strong feeling of friendship. To the members of the Minnesota delegation, to the people of his State and of his district, to the loved ones that he has left behind, I extend my profound sympathy. Our Nation has truly lost a great public servant in the passing of AUGUST H. ANDRESEN.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Martin].

Mr. MARTIN. Mr. Speaker, the loss of an old friend, a dear friend, always come to us as a great shock. So it was this morning when I was called on the telephone and told that AUGUST ANDRESEN had passed away. I knew he had been in ill health for many months, but I had been led to believe recently that he was recovering and would once more take his place with us; so I was shocked to hear of his death.

AUGUST ANDRESEN and I became friends back in 1925. We both entered Congress in that year. I learned to know of his great devotion to the public welfare; I knew of his great fighting interest in agriculture; and I knew, next to agriculture, how dear to his heart were the small-business enterprises which dotted his district. To us AUGUST H. ANDRESEN through the years became an authority on the subject of agriculture, and to him we went for vital information concerning aid to this great industry.

He served on the first committee to study small business after the national lawmakers gave this segment of our econ-

omy its proper status back in 1939, when I appointed him as a Republican member of the study committee.

In all his various activities he showed that keenness of mind and that great thoughtfulness which is necessary to solve these tremendous problems. Today in this tense period of our national life we shall miss his good judgment and his easy, quiet way that endeared him to us all. So I speak today as one who has lost a great personal friend, a friendship that has extended for 34 years. I know that my loss is also the loss of his district, his State, and even of the National Government.

While he was devoted to these problems of agriculture and small industry he was also devoted to the little details that make a man beloved at home. Thousands of people in his district called him "Blessed," because of some little aid or comfort he gave to make their lives a little happier.

So I join with the Minnesota delegation in expressing my deepest regret on the passing of this great legislator, this great American.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, we will all miss our colleague from Minnesota, the Honorable AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, dean of our delegation. This year would have completed 32 years of faithful service to the First District of Minnesota in the House of Representatives. Few Members are privileged to serve so long.

AUGUST was a faithful Representative who served his district tirelessly by keeping in close association with his many friends. He kept their interests always foremost in his mind. He was in every way a fine Christian gentleman, reflecting

throughout his career the early training he received as the son of a minister.

The past year was a sad and trying one for him. The loss of his talented and beloved wife was a deep personal tragedy which left a void in his life. He tried to carry this great burden of grief alone. Those of us who knew him could only sympathize in his sorrow. Throughout their life in Washington, Mrs. Andresen often sat in the gallery watching the deliberations in the House. The end of this close relationship was an almost unendurable loss for AUGUST.

My own acquaintance with him began at a meeting in Red Wing, Minn., his hometown, before my election to Congress. The warmth and respect shown by the audience was a personal tribute to him. He had just returned from a trip to Europe and spoke briefly of his experiences. The people present were proud of their longtime friend and fellow townsman. It was evident that AUGUST enjoyed being among them and that the respect between them was mutual.

It was a privilege to know him, and I have pleasant memories of some of our talks. As dean of the delegation, he was always fair and courteous to me and often gave me valuable advice on work in which we shared an interest.

AUGUST ANDRESEN first came to Minnesota in 1905, at the age of 15, and always regarded Red Wing as his hometown. He graduated from Red Wing Seminary, St. Olaf College, and the St. Paul College of Law. In addition to his law practice, he engaged in financial and business enterprises. His interest in agricultural pursuits was evident in his long service on the House Committee on Agriculture. His own activities reflect the interests of the people of his district, and for this reason he was able to speak for them in this Chamber.

His position as ranking minority member of the Agriculture Committee was a source of pride for him and his friends. Just as he was a conscientious Member of the House, he devoted his time to the problems before his committee.

We have been enriched by our association with him and will cherish his memory.

Mr. WIER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. WIER. Mr. Speaker, I do not know what more I could contribute here this afternoon that has not already been said about our late colleague; however, I do want to join my colleagues from Minnesota and other Members of the House in their expressions of grief at the loss of AUGUST ANDRESEN.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was a great American; he was a great Representative of the district that he so well represented, the southeastern part of the State of Minnesota, and its great resources.

AUGUST ANDRESEN represented thousands of farmers and thousands of so-called loyal small-business men; and loyal they were, because election after election the majorities that were rendered on behalf of continuing the services of AUGUST ANDRESEN told the story.

Many kind things and many wonderful tributes have been said here this afternoon. So I do wish to join and share in expressing my regret and my sympathy at the loss of this great American, this defender of the right of the farmer to share in the economy and prosperity of our Nation.

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in their expressions of grief at the news of the death of our colleague, Congressman AUGUST ANDRESEN. From the remarks that have been made here today, it was on receiving word of his death that the Members of the House came to realize what a valuable and beloved Member of this body AUGUST ANDRESEN actually was.

He was a man whose power of personality, affection, and dedication were outstanding in this Congress. Those who served with him on the Committee on Agriculture know more thoroughly perhaps than other Members of this body the full measure of his dedication and the full measure of his service to that committee.

Perhaps the finest story that could be told about AUGUST H. ANDRESEN would be that of the wonderful relationship, love and affection between him and his wife, whom he lost last year. I remember his telling me at the close of the session last year that he really could not look forward to adjournment with any kind of joy because he faced the prospect of going back to his district alone, a thing which he had not done in some 30 years. He said that he and his wife had always anticipated the return to his district. He went on to say that he doubted whether he would go so far as to open the house when he returned to Red Wing. As one of my colleagues has said earlier here today, the difficult thing was that he was so alone in his grief. He did not speak about it. He had no one in his immediate family nor anyone else whom he really could ask to help him share that burden. So, it is wholly fitting that the Members of Congress, those of us from Minnesota, those who served with him on the Committee on Agriculture, and all of the Members who have served with him during these many years should pay tribute to him today. This Congress will sorely miss the presence of this fine Christian gentleman.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Reed].

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, it is with great difficulty that I pay tribute today to one of my warm personal friends. AUGUST ANDRESEN died a brokenhearted man. Our friendship had been very close with both AUGUST and Julia, his wife. We spent time together in Florida. We were closely associated here. I think he was one of the noblest and finest men

that I have ever known, and his wife was one of the sweetest women I have ever known. It is very difficult for me to say anything that has not been said here in regard to his fine character and ability. If I were to say anything, I would say this, and I would quote that sad be the day for any man when he becomes absolutely contented with the life he is living, with the thoughts he is thinking, with the deeds he is doing, when there is not forever beating at the doors of his soul some great desire to do something larger for which he was made and meant to do. AUGUST ANDRESEN had that beating at the doors of his soul to do something larger that he knew he was meant and made to do. In the field of agriculture, in his contact with the people back home and their problems, he enriched the life of his district, he enriched the life of this Congress, he enriched the life of this Nation. Mrs. Reed and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to all of his relatives and friends and to the delegation from Minnesota.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Jenkins].

Mr. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, I could hardly keep from shedding a tear this morning when I heard of the passing of AUGUST ANDRESEN. I have listened to these eulogies that have been given here this afternoon, but somehow I feel that I was nearer to AUGUST ANDRESEN than anybody in the world, almost. He and his wife lived at the same hotel with me and my wife, and every day we would see each other. That has been true for many years now. He came to this Congress the same year I did, and we lived intimately and close together nearly all of that time. After his wife passed away and every morning after he had been sick, I would stop down at the desk to find out how he was. Sometimes the bellboys would know sometimes the elevator boys; and sometimes the girls who presided at the office desk would also know the last word. You know, Members of the House, it is a serious thing when you think a man

is dying because of the love of his wife who had passed away. That is exactly what took AUGUST out. I will remember him for two things. I will remember him for that and I will remember him for this fact, that on many occasions in my voting here on the floor of the House I voted the way AUGUST ANDRESEN voted because he was very well posted on all matters connected with agriculture. I wrote many a letter saying that I followed AUGUST ANDRESEN. Why did I do that? Because I knew that he knew his work. He was thoroughly informed and absolutely honest and sincere about it.

So, now, at this time I am going to say "Goodby, AUGUST."

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Taber].

Mr. TABER. Mr. Speaker, AUGUST ANDRESEN was a courageous man, an industrious man and one who mastered the work that he had to do. His range was much greater than that of many men. He took part in and helped to form a great deal of the important legislation that we have considered here in this House. He never hesitated to take a stand even though it might be unpopular at home. He never hesitated to cast his vote for the thing that was right. I like to remember him that way.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the lady from Massachusetts [Mrs. Rogers].

Mrs. ROGERS of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, if anyone had any doubt about the respect in which our late colleague, AUGUST ANDRESEN, was held, it would be dispelled by the absolute quiet and attention of the Members of this great body today. I grieve with the family of Mr. ANDRESEN in the loss of their splendid relative.

I always think of both the ANDRESENS as one. I never saw a more devoted couple. They were a shining example of all that is admirable, to all husbands and wives. I loved his

gracious, beautiful wife. I loved their devotion to each other. I treasured their friendship.

Mr. Speaker, he was an example, as much as any I know, of a man overcoming physical illness, physical unhappiness, living through will power and spirit and doing his great work for agriculture, his great work for small business, his great work for all that is fine in his State and in his Nation. He was one of Minnesota's greatest citizens and Minnesota has contributed many fine, patriotic men to the United States. Somehow I like to feel that it is not "goodby" but that he has just crossed a bridge; and we always will have the comfort of his inspiring work, his friendliness, his courage, and his great love for his country. Today America needs that as we have never needed it before.

May God rest his soul and may he find peace and contentment in the other world.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, my late colleague, Mr. ANDRESEN, served for 30 years upon the great Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives. I now yield to the chairman of that committee, the gentleman from North Carolina [Mr. Cooley].

Mr. COOLEY. Mr. Speaker, a great and a good man has this day fallen. Our Congress and country has sustained a great loss.

When I became a Member of this House 23 years ago and was assigned to the Committee on Agriculture, AUGUST ANDRESEN was then a high-ranking and distinguished member of that great committee. Now that he has passed away, not a single member of the committee, as it is now constituted, was there when I became a member. One by one they have gone; either back to their homes or to their great reward. I have served with many members, but I have not served with any member who was a more devoted and dedicated public servant than our friend who has just passed away. AUGUST ANDRESEN was a man of conviction, of courage and

character. He was thoroughly conscientious and sincere. While he and I did not always agree, as most of you know, never have I on any occasion had any reason to question the sincerity of his purpose. He was an upright gentleman and a forthright statesman, and the farmers of our Nation never had a greater champion. His life was a blessing and a benediction; not only to the people of his district and State, but to all of the people of this great Republic. I shall always cherish the memory of his fine friendship and we will miss him in the days ahead.

I was shocked this morning to learn that the noble spirit of our dear friend had passed from the shores of sound to the great realm of silence. I had made frequent inquiries concerning his welfare and I had been told that he would be back in his office at the end of this week. I am distressed to know that he will not be with us again. I want to express my very deep, sincere, and heartfelt sympathy to all of his loved ones.

All of those who were near dear to him can be comforted by the glad thought that he distinguished himself in the service of his country and made a record of which they may be justly proud.

As one by one our friends depart, I recall these words from a little poem, Farewell, by Thomas Moore:

> Let Fate do her worst—there are relics of joy,
> Bright dreams of the past, which she cannot destroy,
> Which come, in the nighttime of sorrow and care,
> And bring back the features that joy used to wear.
> Long, long be my heart with such memories filled.
> Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled,
> You may break, you may shatter the vase, if you will,
> But the scent of the roses will hang round it still.

As the years come and go, our hearts shall be filled with memories of AUGUST H. ANDRESEN.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. I thank the gentleman from North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman who will succeed Mr. ANDRESEN as the ranking minority member on the Committee on Agriculture, the gentleman from Colorado [Mr. Hill].

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and deeply grieved to learn this morning of the death of our colleague, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, of Minnesota, who was a member of the Committee on Agriculture, on which I serve.

Congressman ANDRESEN served many years in this House, beginning his service on December 1, 1924. He was the ranking member of the Republican Party on the Committee on Agriculture. He was loved and respected by all members of our committee, regardless of their political affiliation. It was my privilege to serve for 15 years with Congressman ANDRESEN on the Committee on Agriculture. He at all times kept in mind the great difficulties facing our agricultural people. Outside of his family and personal friends, the farmer was his first love. The farmers' problem were his problems. He was their champion.

In 1947 I had the honor to serve on a subcommittee of the Committee on Agriculture visiting Europe to check into the operations of the Marshall plan. Mr. ANDRESEN was subcommittee chairman. He was an excellent observer, and by his keen understanding was able to comprehend where our surplus foods were really accomplishing their purpose and where they were being used for political benefits.

Congressman ANDRESEN was a great American and his work on agriculture will be a solid monument to his memory.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. Poage].

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, it was 17 years ago that I became a member of the Committee on Agriculture. At that time AUGUST H. ANDRESEN had served approximately as long on that committee as I have served since then. He served

for well over 30 years and he served agriculture devotedly. There were many occasions when he and I saw things from entirely different viewpoints, but there was never an occasion when he was not working and seeking, to the best of his judgment, to improve the lot of the people he loved and represented. You cannot question the sincerity of a man who worked as industriously and devotedly as AUGUST ANDRESEN did for what he believed to be the best interest of the farm people of America.

He was one of the hardest workers that I have ever known. He was at his office early; he was at his office late. He was one who was always familiar with the matters coming before our committee. I always found him a source of information when he was on my side, and I always felt discouraged when I found him on the other side of any issue which might be before us. But whether he was on my side or on the other side, he would make the same good fight. He was a persistent man. He did not give up. He made a good fight for the people he represented.

He represented them well. He represented them honestly. He represented them to the end. He was a man of conviction. When he was with you, you knew he was going on with you, a loyal friend and a loyal advocate. Would that we had more of those qualities in this House and in this Nation because we need them.

We need that determination which so strongly characterized all of AUGUST ANDRESEN'S works. The gentleman from Colorado referred to his deep interest in agriculture up until the very end. Just yesterday I talked with him at the hospital and he asked me if we were going to have a record made of the hearings which were scheduled for this morning. He said he wanted to read the testimony; that while he expected to be back in the next few days, he wanted to read the record of what went on in his absence. He was reading the Record of the Congress, but he wanted to read the record of the

committee. To the very end, he was interested in and was working for his constituents. I know of no greater tribute to one whose life has been devoted to the representation of people than to say that he never forgot the people he represented.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Hoeven].

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, I deeply regret the untimely passing of my very good friend and colleague, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. He was an honest man. He was a sincere man. In short, he was a Christian gentleman.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was the dean of the Committee on Agriculture, having served longer than any other member of the committee as now constituted. It was my privilege to be associated with him on that committee for a period of over 14 years. Personally, I shall never forget the many kind things he did for me throughout my service with Congress.

In the passing of AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, American agriculture has lost one of its most devoted advocates and friends. The dairy industry has lost one of its greatest champions.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was a lonely man after the death of his loving and devoted wife. After her passing he seemed to lose interest in life. On one occasion before Congress adjourned last year he said to me: "I do not expect to be with you much longer. Bill Hill and you will have to carry on."

In the death of AUGUST ANDRESEN, I have lost a dear and devoted friend. His passing will be mourned by agricultural America. His passing is a great loss to his district, State, and Nation.

May he find peace, rest, and contentment—that for every soul—in that house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Arkansas [Mr. Gathings].

Mr. GATHINGS. Mr. Speaker, the news of the passing of our committee's ranking minority member, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, was most saddening to me in view of the announcement that he was expected to return to his office this week. We members of the Committee on Agriculture had hoped that he could be in attendance at its first scheduled meeting of the session which was set originally for today.

It is a real shock to learn of the loss of one with whom you have worked through many tiring, gruelling sessions over a period of years.

I recall one trip especially which I made with him—a visit to several Western European countries in 1947. He was chairman of the Subcommittee on Food and Agriculture of the Herter Foreign Aid Committee. He skillfully and tactfully discharged this assignment, this mammoth task, in a manner that brought real credit to the Congress and the Nation. On many occasions our group held hearings and attended the usual social functions. In each such instance it was the assignment of our subcommittee chairman to speak for the group—to make opening remarks or reply to addresses of welcome. This he did with fervor and devotion. He was a patriot—a true leader and inspiring associate.

AUGUST ANDRESEN had been carrying a heavy load for many months. His own health and that of his wife, who was ill for an extended time and who passed away in the spring of 1957, disturbed him no little. He continued to capably lead the fight for farm legislation in behalf of America's dairy farmers. The benefits which were attained by dairy interests over the past 20 years or more were due largely to his tireless efforts.

It was my privilege to sit on some conferences with AUGUST; one of which I recall in which so great a responsibility fell on him as titular head and spokesman for the Nation's dairy interests. It was in 1956 when a far-reaching omnibus agriculture bill was being revamped by the joint group. He spoke

little until the section was reached affecting the dairy producers. I would like to quote from a newsletter to my constituents dated March 30, 1956, regarding the effective work done by this great farm leader. In referring to seniority, the letter stated:

> What difference does it make? Perhaps this one point will illustrate what it can mean to the people who elect a man to Congress. We have been in continuous session, except for eating and sleeping, since Monday afternoon; and AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, of Minnesota, had sat quietly listening and voting on the various issues until Thursday night at 9:30. Then ANDRESEN spoke out, and his voice persuaded the conferees to include a provision which will bring an extra $12 million to the pockets of the dairy farmers of America. It can readily be seen why his people sent him to Congress for 30 years.

Millions of people were benefited by his accomplishments as a Member of the Congress for 31 years. A real debt of gratitude is due him by American agriculture in general for his efforts which meant so much to farmers throughout this land.

I shall miss him greatly. I have lost a true friend.

The people of the First Congressional District of Minnesota have lost a champion and a fighter who had served agriculture longer than any Member of either House of Congress and one who will be hard to replace.

The Nation has lost one of its top legislators and statesmen.

Mr. TALLE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. TALLE. Mr. Speaker, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN was not only my loyal friend; he was my neighbor, too, with only a State line separating our districts. I was born in his district on the old homestead that is still held in the name of my family. During his long and vigorous career several members of my family were his constituents. I knew him

intimately throughout his political life. One of his brothers, now deceased, was a valued constituent of mine.

Congressman ANDRESEN came from sturdy Norwegian stock. He was tall, slender, and strong. His stride was that of a man whose conscience is clear and whose courage is unfailing. He was reared in a good home in which prayer and devotion were a daily ritual. Knowing him as I did, I proclaim him a Christian gentleman.

It is small wonder that he was the choice of the people in southeastern Minnesota over so long a period of years. They respected his sterling character, they valued his faithful service, and they trusted him implicitly.

It is sad to contemplate that deep sorrow came to him last year when his devoted wife departed this life. It seemed to those of us who saw him thereafter from day to day that grief had taken so firm a hold that he did indeed walk as one who treads alone some banquet hall deserted.

But, Mr. Speaker, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN left to all who knew him a beautiful memory. That is a priceless legacy. Of him it may well be said: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Mrs. Talle joins with me in expressing deep-felt sympathy to all the bereaved.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Speaker, when I was en route to the office this morning listening to the news coming over my automobile radio, word came of the passing of this great man who has been eulogized so beautifully and so appropriately here today. It was quite a shock when I heard that AUGUST had answered the last call. Only last Saturday, I believe it was, I spoke with his administrative assistant in the hall near my office. He told me that AUGUST was doing fine

and was expected back in the House sometime this week. This was good news and I was happily looking forward to his return.

We on the Committee on Agriculture who have served with AUGUST for quite a long time are going to miss his presence. We are going to miss his wise counsel, his sharp questioning of witnesses, his logic and reasoning. We are going to miss the benefit of the vast knowledge which he as a Member of this body for some 30-odd years gained as a result of hard work and devotion to duty.

Of course, none of us had any doubt as to the standing of AUGUST in his district, a great district incidentally, inhabited by the finest of people. His reelection year after year by large majorities evidenced the high regard in which he was held by his constituents. But if there should be any who had such doubt he need only to visit among the fine people of that area.

It has been my privilege, Mr. Speaker, to visit in AUGUST'S district on three occasions. On one of those occasions it was my privilege to address in my feeble way the Minnesota State Farm Bureau convention. In that address I made reference to several of the Minnesota Members, and particular Mr. ANDRESEN as the dean of the Minnesota delegation. The chamber, which was overflowing with people, was rocked and shaken with terrific applause. The demonstration evidenced the great love and affection they had for AUGUST ANDRESEN, their faithful servant. He was, indeed, their man.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was possessed of a great intellect. He was a man of extraordinary quality and extraordinary ability. He was dedicated to the principles of sound constitutional government which is now so often treated too lightly. He was a man of honesty, of good character and integrity.

AUGUST was also a man of opinion, firm opinion. He was not known to waver or quibble. He sought what was right and once having found it he was not to be swerved. He was a man of very retentive mind. I expect he carried as much

information in his mind about the problems of the millions of people who work on our farms as any man who ever passed through this body. He was their friend and left behind a record which will for years redound to their good. The great Committee on Agriculture and the farmers of the Nation can ill afford to lose his talent and ability. He was the workhorse, the leader, the expert of the American dairy farmer. They are going to miss him. So are we; and so will the country.

I do not want to let the opportunity pass without making reference to his beautiful, charming and intelligent wife. It was often that when AUGUST came to his office Mrs. Andresen would accompany him. Many times I have seen him leave late in the day with that beautiful woman on his arm. They were an inseparably devoted couple. Shortly after she had passed away I was walking up the hall one afternoon as AUGUST was leaving his office alone. I gripped his hand and extended sympathy. He said, "Tom, no one will ever know how sad I am, and were it not for the friends I have here in this body, I do not believe I could stand the grief that is mine as of this hour." She was a devoted wife and he was a devoted husband. From that day on AUGUST was heavy laden. His grief was deep. The thought of his lovely wife was ever with him. It undoubtedly contributed to his passing.

Now, as the grim reaper has called him home it is with some comfort to all of us that AUGUST and his wonderful mate are one again. They have been remated in an everlasting life where there is no soreness, no pain, no grief.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Horan].

Mr. HORAN. Mr. Speaker, I, too, wish to join my colleagues in paying a last tribute to our departed friend and colleague, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. All of us will miss him. We will miss his friendliness, we will miss his counsel, and we and the farmers of the Nation particularly will miss his wisdom.

As I have sat here this afternoon I have been impressed with the quietness of the Chamber. To me that means an unspoken tribute to one that we were pleased to call a friend. It impresses me. I have been impressed also with the many expressions of deep love and affection that existed between AUGUST and his darling wife Julia. They were a team, a devoted team, and, with my colleague, the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. Abernethy] I have the same feeling, especially those of us who have seen the loss as was expressed on AUGUST's face following Julia's death, that with two who were so much together in life we can find some solace now that they are at least together again as they were so joyfully with us.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. Sadlak].

Mr. SADLAK. Mr. Speaker, I, too, join my colleagues in paying tribute to a devoted friend. I first came to know AUGUST ANDRESEN in 1939 when I came to Capitol Hill as secretary to a Congressman. But it was not until 1951—although I have been honored and privileged to come here after the election of 1946 and consistently since as Connecticut's Congressman at Large—it was not until 1951 when AUGUST ANDRESEN and his lovely wife, and Mrs. Sadlak and I were privileged to attend the Interparliamentary Union Conference at Istanbul, Turkey, that I got to know him intimately. It was during this assignment that he manifested to me his great knowledge of and interest in agriculture. He was interested in agriculture not only here at home, but when the subcommittee work and the work of the conference itself allowed in Turkey AUGUST ANDRESEN and I went out to view the agriculture of that area. He was particularly interested to know how the help had been utilized that had been sent over there.

For this reason, likewise, he and I, with our wives, stopped in Greece, to look at their agriculture. He wanted to know

more about it so that he would be better informed when he had to deal with legislation on agriculture on his return.

I recall very vividly, too—and this was brought to mind by what the gentleman from Minnesota [Mr. Blatnik] has said—each of us take pride and satisfaction in the progress of our academy appointments and when we returned to Paris and had occasion to visit General Eisenhower at NATO, on a Saturday morning, AUGUST ANDRESEN rightfully boasted that his first appointee to the Military Academy was Lauris Norstad; and I know that it was a source of increased pride and joy when further recognition of the ability and achievements of this outstanding soldier followed in later years.

We used to joke pretty much and I think for the record it should be stated that the one interruption in his long service to his constituency and Minnesota and the Nation was the time when AUGUST ANDRESEN ran as a candidate at large. And he used to say to me, "Sadlak, you can have that job of Congressman at Large. It was the one time that I ran, when I was a candidate at large, that I was beaten." But he said that jokingly, because we had a great respect for each other.

When Mrs. Andresen passed away I recall the tremendous effect it had on AUGUST ANDRESEN. As has been mentioned here, there was that lovely example of a man and wife who were one, completely devoted, completely dedicated. I remember the great effect her passing had upon him who remained. Now as has been said they are one again, to carry on their great devotion and dedication to each other in the hereafter where there is no ending.

I join in extending my condolences to the family of AUGUST ANDRESEN.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Jensen].

Mr. JENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I find it very difficult to speak about the great man who has crossed the bar last night. I

went out to see AUGIE the other day at Bethesda Naval Hospital and AUGIE said, "Ben, I knew you would come out to see me. I am glad you came." I said, "AUGIE, of course I would come to see you." He said, "Ben, this has been quite a siege, but I am getting along fine and I am going to get out of here one of these fine days and be back on the job."

We talked about a great many things and after about 10 minutes I said, "AUGIE, I am not going to wear you out. I'm going now." "No, don't rush away; I want to talk to you. There are a lot of things I want to talk to you about." And so I stayed with him about 30 minutes.

It was a terrible shock to me when I learned of his passing this morning.

He said, "You know, it gets pretty lonesome out here, especially for me. I have been an awfully lonesome man since my dear Julia passed on. I hardly know what to do with myself. It is almost more than I can bear."

He said, "I have been wondering whether I should run for Congress again but, you know, Ben, I have no hobby whatsoever. My hobby is just work, work, work. I presume I would be completely lost if I did not come back to Congress.

"I have a lot of friends who have been very kind to me," he said. "The folks at home, my, how wonderful they have been to me. I know there are a lot of them that expect me to run again, so I have made up my mind to run again." I said, "AUGIE, I am sure you have made the right decision."

AUGIE ANDRESEN was a man devoted and dedicated to the welfare of his country. He had in his mind and his great heart only that burning desire to be right and to do good for his fellow man. In my opinion, in all his doings these nearly 20 years I have been with him as a colleague in the Congress of the United States I cannot think of a single time when I questioned his judgment on legislation which was under consideration. The Honorable AUGIE ANDRESEN was, in fact, my patron saint, so to speak.

I only wish I had the proper words that would clearly express my deep feeling about the loss of this great American, this great friend of yours and mine. I am sure he is happy now because he has joined his dear, beloved wife. I am sure God Almighty must have said to him, "You have run a good race. You have earned the comforts of a castle in Heaven. Come home, AUGIE, and be with your beloved Julia."

God rest their souls.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert], the majority whip.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I have served on the Committee on Agriculture with AUGUST ANDRESEN for a long time. Mr. ANDRESEN had served on that committee for many years before I came to the Congress. Most of the agricultural jurisprudence of this country was placed upon the statute books during his service in this House. His fingerprints are on every law. He was one of the really great members of that committee and of the House. In the field of dairy legislation, which was his specialty, in my judgment he had no peer in or out of the House of Representatives. AUGUST ANDRESEN was a kindly, sympathetic individual. He was my friend. I agree with those who have spoken before that when a man dies, he will live again. I knew the devotion of AUGUST and Mrs. ANDRESEN for each other during their lifetime. I am sure they are together in eternity now.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Iowa [Mr. Cunningham].

Mr. CUNNINGHAM of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, like those who have spoken already, when I came to my office this morning I was deeply saddened upon hearing the news of the passing of AUGUST ANDRESEN. I realized at once that all of us had lost a friendly colleague and that this House, and in

fact the entire Congress, had lost a highly respected and dearly beloved Member. I also realized that the State of Minnesota and the entire Nation had lost an able and valuable legislator and statesman, and that also the State of Iowa had lost a fine friend and a valuable neighbor, and that the entire farming community of America had lost one of its stanchest friends and greatest benefactors. But, Mr. Speaker, I had a feeling deeper than all that; namely, that I had lost something more than words can express. I recall vividly more than 17 years ago in this Chamber when I first became acquainted with AUGUST ANDRESEN. I realized that I had found a new friend, a true friend, and I was not disappointed in that belief as a result of my first meeting on that day right near where I am standing now with AUGUST ANDRESEN. Any time I had a problem that I wanted advice on with regard to agriculture particularly, I could go to AUGUST ANDRESEN. He never failed me. He was kindly in his advice and sympathetic, but he would take the time to explain and then he would say, "Now Paul, in your State of Iowa, this will do so and so." He did not suggest to me how to vote, but he let me know what the result would be if the bill were enacted or if it were defeated.

Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he came to me and asked that I go with him into his home State of Minnesota to attend some meetings dealing with agriculture. He extended the invitation in such a way that I felt he wanted me to go up there to help AUGUST ANDRESEN with his home people. I went. I was never so surprised in my life. No one could have gone into the State of Minnesota, his home State, and helped AUGUST ANDRESEN. The manner in which his people received him, the esteem in which they held him, and the love that they had for him were far beyond anything that anyone from outside the State of Minnesota could add to. Then I realized that, after all, AUGUST ANDRESEN extended me that invitation not to help him but to help me—I was

the one who benefited from attending those meetings. I feel that I have been a better legislator as a result of that experience.

Mr. Speaker, I could go on and on making personal references in regard to AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, and what he said to me the day his wife was laid away. When I went up to greet him and put my arm around his shoulder, he said: "I shall not be with you very long. I do not know whether it is worth carrying on or not."

I said: "AUGUST, I know how you feel, but you will carry on."

"Yes," he said, "I guess I will."

He did, and he is now, even though he has passed to the Great Beyond, still carrying on.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentlewoman from Georgia [Mrs. Blitch].

Mrs. BLITCH. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues of the Minnesota delegation in expressing my shock at the passing of our late colleague, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, and extend my deepest sympathy to them and to the members of his family.

It has been my privilege to sit at times with the Committee on Agriculture during public hearings that particularly pertained to agricultural problems in my district. Like all the members of that great committee, Mr. ANDRESEN was gracious to me at all times, and was effective in helping to resolve some of the problems which I presented to the committee.

I shall miss Mr. ANDRESEN very much.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Georgia.

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness and a sense of irreparable loss that we have come to the contemplation of the untimely death of our friend and colleague, AUGUST ANDRESEN, and we mourn his passing as the removal

from our midst of one who throughout his life was dedicated to undergirding and strengthening this that we call the American way of life.

The chosen field for AUGUST ANDRESEN's legislative activity was the realm of agriculture; and in that area he had no peer. As a junior member of the Committee on Agriculture, I constantly deferred to his experience and judgment, and I took constant delight in the vigor with which he pursued the conservative approach to this Nation's agricultural problems. The farmers of America, and especially the dairymen, have lost a stalwart champion, the Congress has lost a distinguished Member, and I have lost a stanch and trusted friend.

Those of us who were close to him sensed his inability to throw off the despondency which followed the loss of his beloved wife. It seemed that her going away took something from his heart; and if ever a person died of heartbreak, it was he. Now he has gone to join her in a sunnier land, and we are sure that this morning saw a glad reunion with the one that he loved and lost for only a while. May the Guardian of that celestial place now have them in His tender care.

Mr. THOMPSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply sorry to learn of the passing of one who was always kind and friendly to me, the Honorable AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. I had the honor of serving with him on the Committee on Agriculture. I watched with admiration and respect his faithful work in behalf of his people. No one in the Congress was ever more devoted to his constituency and to his country. His good work will live in our memories in the years to come.

I join in extending sympathy to his survivors, and to his delegation in the Congress.

Mr. HALLECK. Mr. Speaker, the Nation has lost another stalwart American in the death of AUGUST H. ANDRESEN.

The Congress of the United States has lost an able Member and I have lost an admired and respected friend whom I shall miss greatly.

Although AUGIE ANDRESEN maintained an informed interest in all legislation to come before this body, those of us who knew him best will, I am certain, always associate his memory primarily with his efforts on behalf of agriculture.

It was as a veteran member of that great committee that he made his greatest impression on us and made his most substantial contributions to the country's welfare.

It occurs to me that AUGUST ANDRESEN was a Representative, not only of the people of his district but of many farmers all over the land, in the full sense of that term.

Their problems and their welfare were his business and he never deviated from a determination to represent their interests here in the Halls of Congress.

I do not mean to imply by this that AUGUST ANDRESEN took any narrow positions. His outlook was as broad as the country itself, and he was firm in his conviction that the policies he advocated for agriculture would benefit our entire economy.

In these difficult times we can ill afford to lose a man of AUGUST ANDRESEN's long experience, personal integrity, and dedication to the ideal of public service.

Mr. HARRISON of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I join my many colleagues today in paying tribute to one of our much loved Members, AUGUST ANDRESEN. His passing comes as a great shock to all of us.

It has been my high privilege to serve with Mr. ANDRESEN for almost 6 years on the Committee on Agriculture and I have always found him to be fair, sincerely honest and understanding.

Whether we agreed or disagreed with AUGUST ANDRESEN on the ideas he held, we admired him for his integrity and character with which he voiced his views. He always spoke from his heart, and his colleagues showed him great respect by giving their undivided attention.

While AUGUST ANDRESEN was a tireless fighter for agriculture and the dairy facet which his good State boasts, he never

allowed his individual interest to prevent him from joining harmoniously in the welfare of overall agriculture.

We shall miss AUGUST ANDRESEN in the days to come on the Committee on Agriculture.

Agriculture has lost a great friend. Minnesota and the Nation are better for his having passed this way.

Mr. HARVEY. Mr. Speaker, it was my very great privilege to know and be associated with AUGUST ANDRESEN. Having heard about him even before coming to the Congress as an outstanding Congressman the evaluation was enhanced by the personal friendship that developed during our 11 years of association.

AUGIE, as those of us who knew him well called him, was truly imbued with the real spirit of public service. None who came with a problem were turned away nor were they given less than the best counsel. His real service was not confined to his district for he was a great fighter for agriculture and had a rich background of experience upon which to draw. Always fair, he did not permit his specialty to warp his sense of what was best for the whole of our people.

When his good wife passed away less than a year ago he said that the loss was truly more than he could bear. A devoted husband and citizen of outstanding worth, he has rendered fine service to his country and set a noble example for his congressional colleagues to follow.

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, the passing of the Honorable AUGUST ANDRESEN brings to a close a career of public service equaled by few, and of which the State of Minnesota must be justly proud.

The privilege of having known him as colleague and friend is one I shall always cherish, for he has played a prominent part in some of my pleasantest and most lasting memories.

I recall our first meeting. I came to Washington to testify before the House Committee on Agriculture in 1948, representing agricultural interests of my home State of Maine.

His kind but searching questions are still in mind. Then it became my privilege and honor to be elected to Congress, and since April 1952 to serve with AUGUST on the Committee on Agriculture. To work with him while he served as a ranking member of the committee offered me the opportunity to avail myself of his counsel and knowledge of matters relating to agriculture in particular and the Midwest in general.

His devotion to the best interests of the dairymen of America is a matter of history.

In his passing Minnesota has lost a great exponent of its attitude toward farm policy, and the country has lost an able, sincere and devoted public servant. A man firm in principle and conviction, his friendly hand was always extended to help another along the way.

His passing is a deep personal loss, and our deep sympathy goes out to members of his family. The memory of the man and his service to Minnesota and the country will long endure.

Mr. KILBURN. Mr. Speaker, I have lost a close friend of 18 years in the passing of AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. My district in New York is predominately a dairy farming district. After getting to know AUGUST ANDRESEN, I found that he probably knew as much about the dairy industry as anyone in the country. I used to go to him for advice and counsel on many farm bills. He always, being a man of honor and integrity, told me frankly the effects that any provisions would have on my district.

Over the years we have had so many pleasant times together that I feel a great sense of personal loss and I know that the State of Minnesota and the country at large has lost an extremely fine, competent and honorable legislator.

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of Hon. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. I was indeed shocked and saddened this morning

when I learned of his passing. I knew of his illness, but was hoping he would recover.

I considered AUGUST ANDRESEN one of the outstanding Members of this House. I met him before I came to Congress. I first saw him at a meeting in Chicago where farm problems were under discussion. I was immediately impressed with his knowledge of agriculture. My admiration for him has continued over the years. I think he was one of the best informed men on agriculture in this country.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was a kindly man and was always of a friendly disposition. I called upon him many times for counsel and advice, and he was always willing to assist where possible.

The passing of AUGUST ANDRESEN is an irreparable loss, not alone to his district in Minnesota, but to the entire Nation. We need more men of the type of AUGUST ANDRESEN.

Mr. TEWES. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues are experiencing grief today because of their long and intimate associations with our departed colleague, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. My own distress derives instead from a brief but rewarding friendship in which I benefited enormously from the understanding and kindness of this man of prestige and position.

A year ago when I first entered the Halls of Congress, I was assigned to the Agriculture Committee. I went at once to pay my respects to Mr. ANDRESEN, our ranking member. He welcomed me warmly and spoke of his great interest in the Agriculture Committee and its work. Thereafter we shared a strong common interest—the knowledge that we both represented outstanding dairy areas of the country. It was an unusual relationship we had, for he was the committee's ranking minority member, and I was its junior. Throughout the year, he showed a friendly concern for my progress.

We mourn today because the dairy farmer, even now in a time of crisis, has lost a vigorous champion. Congress has

lost a Member with an unexcelled knowledge of the complex problems of agriculture. We have lost a friend.

To Mr. ANDRESEN's family, I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, acting as the minority leader of the great House Committee on Agriculture, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN was very close to the hearts, not only of all of us Members on his side of the aisle but of all members of the committee. He possessed a tremendous grasp of America's agricultural problems and at the same time always remained sensitive to the feelings of the farmers themselves. He spoke their language. He was one of them and always for them.

He went about in a quiet lovable way to achieve his ends and was a power in the Congress. Above all things, he was a great American, dedicated to her principles and her people. He was a leader we can ill afford to lose. I possess a great affection for this, my colleague.

Mr. LAIRD. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. The passing of AUGUST ANDRESEN is a distinct loss not only to our great neighboring State of Minnesota, but to our Nation as well.

I shall long remember the kind and friendly counsel and advice given me by AUGUST ANDRESEN as I entered this Congress as a new Member in 1953. He was never too busy to help me with the problems which confronted me as a new Member of Congress. My association with him on the House Agriculture Committee will long be remembered.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was kind; he was intelligent; and he was devoted to the development of the dairy industry as a vital force in the agriculture economy of our country.

I was indeed shocked to learn of his passing this morning. Only last week I had the privilege of spending 2 hours with AUGUST at the Bethesda Naval Hospital. He talked then of returning to the Hill this week to take part in the sessions of the 85th Congress. In our visit last week we reminisced

about my helping in one of his campaigns while I was a student at Carleton College which was located in his congressional district.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was a great citizen. He was a great American. He had those qualities which make a real Christian gentleman.

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, it is evident from what has been said here today that AUGUST ANDRESEN will long be remembered, not only as a man with countless friends, but also for the contributions he made to legislation that has been placed on the statute books. He is no longer with us but his work will be here forever as a lasting monument. He will never be forgotten.

AUGIE, as we fondly called him, was a Member of this body when I was first elected to come here. I cannot possibly tell you how helpful he was to me. He and I came from agricultural districts and, quite naturally, he and I have worked together on many matters in the field of agriculture. I think it may be truly said that he was an expert on agriculture, and on many occasions he and I have had personal visits to discuss our farm problems and how best to arrive at a solution.

As we all know, our late beloved colleague was a man of convictions and with the courage of his convictions. He worked vigorously, but always fairly, for those things in which he believed.

I will miss him. We all will. His passing is a great loss to the Congress and to the country as a whole.

I extend to his family and relatives my deep-felt sympathy.

Mr. ANFUSO. Mr. Speaker, I did not have the good fortune to know our esteemed colleague, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, as well as those who have previously lauded his virtues. While my acquaintance with him was brief and only in connection with the work of the Committee on Agriculture, I had suffi-

cient time to determine that he was one of the finest gentlemen that ever graced the Halls of this august body. We were of different political faiths, but we were united together in the best interest of our country. Many were the times that I asked his advice and he was always honest and straightforward with me. I profited much from his wise counsel and shall miss him dearly.

Mr. ANDRESEN was a strong believer in our national security. I recall at one time relating to him my happy experiences with the NATO Parliamentary Conference which I attended in 1956. He was thrilled no end that his appointee to the United States Military Academy, Gen. Lauris Norstad, had risen to the position of Supreme Commander of Allied Powers Europe. He said, "I know the boy very well. I feel better for the safety of our country with him in that position."

I am grateful for the privilege of joining with all my colleagues in paying deserved tribute to the memory of this outstanding Christian gentleman, patriot, and statesman.

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked to learn this morning of the passing of our respected colleague, Representative AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, who represented the First Congressional District of Minnesota.

Although I knew of his confinement to the Bethesda Naval Hospital, I gathered that he was on the road to recovery and consequently the news today has saddened me considerably.

GUS, as he was known to his colleagues and many friends, served in this body for 30 years and at the time of his passing was the ranking Republican member of the House Agricultural Committee on which he served with great distinction. He was generally recognized by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle as one who possessed considerable knowledge of the agricultural problems affecting the country.

I always found GUS ANDRESEN to be affable, kind, and considerate. His congressional district, his State, and the Nation have lost an outstanding legislator. I extend to his brother my sincere sympathy on his great loss.

Mr. MACK of Washington. Mr. Speaker, the Congress and country have suffered a great loss in the death of our colleague, AUGUST ANDRESEN.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was a man of the highest integrity and great ability. He was forthright and courageous. Years of study, keen observation, and personal experience with agriculture had made him a top authority in Congress on agricultural matters. Often, when a complex and perplexing agricultural bill was before the Congress, Members would ask one another, "What does AUGUST ANDRESEN think about this?" Their question was an expression of their confidence in AUGUST ANDRESEN'S soundness of judgment.

AUGUST ANDRESEN had a host of friends in and out of Congress. All who knew him respected him for his knowledge and ability and they, also, had great liking for him as a person. He was sincere, friendly, kind, and companionable.

AUGUST ANDRESEN, truly, was a great and a good man.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, although I knew of his serious illness, it was nevertheless a shock to learn this morning of the death of my colleague and friend, the Honorable AUGUST ANDRESEN.

Only a day or two before Christmas I visited him in the hospital. Since the First District of Minnesota is separated from the Third District of Iowa only by the State border, we had many problems in common and because of his long and rich experience in Congress it was then, as always, a privilege for me to have the benefit of his views.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was an outstanding champion of the American farmer. On the occasion of this visit he told me how, some days earlier, and although sorely afflicted, he had

gone to the Department of Agriculture in an effort to convince the Secretary that his order, lowering supports on dairy products was unwise and unjust. To the end of life, he was dedicated to the welfare of agriculture.

I will always believe that he had a premonition of the nearness of death. Members of his staff had erected and decorated a Christmas tree in his hospital room and there were a number of gaily wrapped packages. He recalled briefly some of the Christmases of his boyhood and he was pleased and grateful for the little tree that stood at the foot of his bed. Then he wondered aloud if he would see another Christmas.

It was not a question to be answered. He did not mean it as such.

In the death of AUGUST ANDRESEN there has departed from among us a good man and an outstanding legislator.

Mr. KRUEGER. Mr. Speaker, I join with the many friends of AUGUST ANDRESEN in expressing my sorrow at his untimely passing. His death is a real, personal loss to all of us, and to all Americans, and in particular to those Minnesotans he so ably represented.

The many years of devoted service he rendered will long be remembered. His wisdom and courage will be sorely missed.

In the 16 terms to which he was elected by his people, AUGIE ANDRESEN became recognized as a legislator who was a true friend of the farm people of America, and to them his death is a special loss. He championed their rights and fought their battle, and earned their everlasting appreciation.

In the years during which it was my privilege to know him and work with him, I gained a great personal admiration for Congressman ANDRESEN, and a deep respect for his ability and his integrity.

On the Agriculture Committee and in this Chamber, he will be greatly missed.

Mr. McGREGOR. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in an endeavor to pay respect to our departed colleague, the Honorable AUGUST ANDRESEN. "AUGIE," as he was affectionately known to all of us, was a great American, a student, a gentleman, and a scholar in every sense of the word.

He recently has had many hours of sorrow but he continued to do his work many hours per day so that his constituents might be given the same splendid service they have always had since he came to Congress back in 1924.

I have learned to know him personally and his passing will be a great loss to the country, as well as to the district it has been his honor to represent, and to all of us, his friends. I am sure he has already heard from that great Architect of the Universe, who the sun, moon, and stars obey, those welcome words, "Well done."

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, in the death of AUGUST ANDRESEN we have lost a valued Member of this House. The dairy farmers, particularly in the great dairyland of the Midwest, have lost a great friend and champion of their interests. At this time when the dairy farmer faces his greatest challenge, this loss is particularly great. We will sorely miss his sound counsel in dealing with the agricultural problem facing the Nation.

I feel a personal loss, Mr. Speaker, because to me, AUGUST ANDRESEN was a close friend and adviser.

May his soul rest in peace.

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, few men who have served in the Congress have received such fine and heartfelt tributes as have been paid to our late beloved colleague, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN. No man could have deserved them more. He and I served together on the Herter Committee on Foreign Aid and to its Subcommittee on Food and Agriculture, of which he was chairman, he brought his vast background and knowledge of agricultural problems. Truly a dedicated public servant he gave unstintingly of his time and attention to

each and every task. To all who sought his help, he gave generous and wise counsel. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN was a good man, a Christian gentleman who never compromised with principle and who kept the best interests of the Nation foremost in his mind. Minnesota has lost a sterling son but his memory will remain ever bright.

Much has been said of AUGUST ANDRESEN'S devotion to his lovely wife whose loss was more than his gentle, kindly spirit could bear. To all who grieve for him today, there must be consolation in the thought that they have been reunited again in eternal peace and happiness.

Mr. WILSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, in common with all other Members of the Congress, I feel a profound regret at the passing of AUGUST ANDRESEN. It seems like a very personal loss to so many of us in this Chamber.

During my 17 years in this body I grew to respect and admire Mr. ANDRESEN as one of the truly great men in the House of Representatives. He was a loyal and conscientious American at all times. He was a most capable and honest lawmaker. He was one of the most sincere friends American agriculture has ever had. Our House Committee on Agriculture will sorely miss his wise and penetrating counsel, his deep understanding of all problems coming before it and his astute observations and decisions regarding these problems.

As an individual, AUGUST ANDRESEN was a fine and lovable man. The loss of his beloved wife less than a year ago was one from which he never did recover. She meant so much to him; theirs was a wonderful union lasting throughout most of their adult lives.

The American people will forever be indebted to the State of Minnesota for sending this great man to participate in the Nation's affairs.

Mr. WIGGLESWORTH. Mr. Speaker, it was with a sense of deep personal loss that I learned that our colleague, AUGUST ANDRESEN, had answered the last rollcall.

We had served together in this House for almost 30 years. We had shared in the difficulties presented by problems of vital importance to the Nation and to the world during that period.

I greatly valued his friendship.

He was a public servant of high character, ability, and with devotion to duty.

He made a fine contribution to his district, State, and Nation.

He will be recalled particularly, of course, for his work in the field of agriculture.

I shall miss him.

I join in heartfelt sympathy to all those close to him.

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, my last remembrance of my old friend and colleague is based upon an event just last Christmas Eve. I was visiting with AUGUST in his hospital room and he told me how he was anticipating a little Christmas tree that was to be set up for him that afternoon by his faithful friend and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bergquist. I was privileged to be there to see Mr. and Mrs. Bergquist and their two young daughters come in and start arranging for AUGUST what proved to be his last Christmas. To me that is the memory I want to carry of AUGUST ANDRESEN: To see him as I left the room, to see how his face lit up when he saw his lifelong friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bergquist and their family, come in and help him celebrate what otherwise would have been a very, very lonesome Christmas.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 431

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, a Representative from the State of Minnesota.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members of the House: Messrs. H. Carl Andersen, O'Hara of Minnesota, Judd, Blatnik, McCarthy, Marshall, Wier, Mrs. Knutson, and Messrs. Cooley, Poage, Hill, and Hoeven.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 44 minutes p. m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 15, 1958, at 12 o'clock noon.

MONDAY, *January 20, 1958.*

A message from the Senate, by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had adopted the following resolution:

Senate Resolution 242

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, late a Representative from the State of Minnesota.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part

of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

TUESDAY, *April 22, 1958.*

Mr. H. CARL ANDERSEN. Mr. Speaker, it was my sad mission earlier this year to attend the final services for our beloved colleague, the late AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, of Minnesota.

Those of us in attendance had the privilege of hearing a most eloquent sermon from a distinguished United Lutheran Church pastor who knew well our departed colleague. Rev. Orville K. Wold chose his text from II Kings 20: 2–3, 19, 20, and, under leave to extend my remarks, I am including this beautiful tribute to AUGUST ANDRESEN which I know many of his friends will enjoy reading:

A STATESMAN AND HIS GOD—FUNERAL SERMON FOR CONGRESSMAN AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH, ORVILLE K. WOLD, PASTOR, JANUARY 20, 1958

Text from II Kings 20: 2–3, 19, 20.

This is the second time in a period of 8 months that this family has come into this church for similar reasons. The first was the funeral for Mrs. Andresen last May.

The Honorable AUGUST H. ANDRESEN has been memorialized in eulogies in the many groups in which he has been a figure.

His colleagues in Congress spent 90 minutes last Tuesday paying him tribute.

Local groups all over the First Congressional District of Minnesota, and elsewhere in our State, and wherever the influence of Mr. ANDRESEN touched, have recalled the work of this public servant.

Few conversations on the streets in this area have not included his name this past week.

There is neither the need nor the time this day for me to compile or edit these things that have been said so well—by so many of you.

We can feel particularly well pleased that so many of these things did not wait for review until this week. A year ago last

fall, August had an opportunity to hear these things with his own ears at a testimonial banquet in Winona. At commencement at St. Olaf College last spring, his alma mater recognized him with a distinguished alumnus award. That which has been said on these occasions counts immeasurably more than that which is being said about him this week.

In the Old Testament there is a record of a statesman, whose man was Hezekiah, King of Judah. It could just as well have been the name of any God-fearing man in public office, no matter where or when or whom he may have served. In the 20th chapter of the Second Book of Kings there are details surrounding his death.

We shall not press this account into a perfect likeness of any other person or situation in life; yet there are some things here that speak to us for such an occasion as this. There is above all a glimpse of a relationship of this statesman with his God that comes through an experience of the king with his pastor.

First of all, the passage reveals a prayer of the king; secondly, a conviction of the king about the source of his faith; and, thirdly, his record. When you have said that much about a man, there is not much left to be said.

I. A PRAYER OF A MATURED STATESMAN

This was a moment of extreme grief, in which the king was calling upon his spiritual counselor, Isaiah. He was sick unto death. He prayed: "Remember now O God, how I walked before Thee in faithfulness and a whole heart." Then he wept bitterly.

It takes a brave man to call God's attention to one's past at any time, and especially on one's deathbed. When a man as wise as Hezekiah prays it, it must mean that he has lived life circumspectly. The gist of his prayer seems to be, "Let God be the judge. It is my business to be faithful."

The remarkable thing about life is that God expects more of us by way of faithfulness than by way of perfection.

We make our moral and spiritual errors, and call them sin.

We make our errors of judgment. Men may be impatient and unsympathetic with us, but we find in the mercies of God a great sympathy.

God does ask for perfection too, but He knows the problems which we have in contending, and he is sympathetic.

The claim to mercy which Hezekiah made was on the basis of his faith and faithfulness to his God.

We are not in a position to pass final judgment on each other, but we do recognize a sense of duty in our departed public servant

which demonstrates a faithfulness to one's task. In the issues of government as in religion you do not expect to find all men agreeing with you at all times. That is not the purpose with which one pursues his service. He does it to fulfill the interests that bring in the purposes of the Creator God in the domain of men.

No man is indispensable, but some men serve the interests of God and men better than others and in larger fields of endeavor.

There are services to the whole of society which men in the position of Congressman ANDRESEN and his colleagues are committed to make.

There are services to individuals that need to be recognized apart and above the group. In our type of society this is important. There are times when exceptions need to be made to the rule; conditions that surround the person that may make the rule do him an injustice. AUGUST seemed to be a master as determining when such exceptions could be made without jeopardizing the whole.

He was faithful to his constituency. He was sensitive to their needs, and never did he separate himself from the folks he represented. He recognized that he could reserve the right of his own judgment; but people respected his attention to their needs, so that when his judgment was contrary to their requests or expectations, they understood that they too could be wrong in what they expected.

He was faithful to his conscience. He sensitized this conscience in divers ways; one of which was attendance at public worship. When he was in Washington he worshipped with the congregation of the Church of the Reformation under Dr. Folkemer. When he was home, he was faithful in attendance at this, his home congregation.

He was faithful to his calling. His father heeded the call to the Christian ministry. AUGUST heeded a call to another duty; first to the profession of law; and from there into the service of government. This, too, is of God, and for this too, God gives gifts, and sets men apart for particular service to Him and to men whom He has created.

Different men at the close of their lives having been given different assignments have expressed themselves to their Creator. It must have been satisfying for Hezekiah at the close of his life to look back and be able to say: "I have walked before Thee with faithfulness and a whole heart."

As Jesus drew near the close of his earthly life, there arose out of that magnificent high-priestly prayer, a similar satisfying surrender: "Father, the hour has come; glorify Thy Son that Thy Son may glorify Thee. This is eternal life, that they may know

Thee the only true God, and Thy Son whom Thou hast sent. I have glorified Thee on earth. I have accomplished the work which Thou gavest Me to do." Most men may not be that certain of their assignment. We are not able to be that sure. Jesus was.

We may be able to express ourselves better with the Apostle Paul: "The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith. I have finished the race. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not to me only, but also to all who have loved his appearing."

II. A GLIMPSE AT THE KING'S CONVENTION ABOUT A WORD FROM GOD

Toward the close of the conversation of the king and his pastor, come these words of Hezekiah: "The word of the Lord which you have spoken is good."

There is a word from the Lord for such times as these in which we live; for such a duty as was that of Mr. ANDRESEN; and for such grief that he was destined to bear this last year.

There are some laws which man does not make, and some conditions which man's laws cannot control. There are some parts of his destiny made on man's behalf about which he does very little.

Some men spend a lifetime searching creation, and are guided by natural laws which God has written into them.

Others will spend a lifetime taking God's cues to determine moral laws which govern their relationship to each other, and to their God. In our Judeo-Christian heritage these spring from 10 simple commands of Moses.

As free creatures, God holds us responsible to adapt His wise and loving desire to fluctuating circumstances. He speaks to us. God works through men who are chosen by Him to make these adaptations and applications for their times within the framework of His desire.

We thank God for men who are sensitive in their search for the will of God.

His word and His will have been made known to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. Laws that men made sent Him to a cross. Yet there is more to the cross than that. It was here that He shared the experience of death, as He has shared in all of the other experiences of flesh with men. Yet it was here, the writer to the Hebrews reminds us, that "He destroyed him that has the power of death * * * and delivers all who through fear of death were subject to life-long bondage."

This is the victory invested upon man in the Christian faith. We may still weep. We may still grieve, for we are complex crea-

tures. Some have said that the grief of AUGUST these 8 months has hastened his demisal.

It is not strange. Our Christian faith is not some anasthesia to provide an escape from reality. Our faith is a direction of life. It is not a "do-all." It is simply a trust in One who can do all. They said of Jesus, "He does all things well."

It is not surprising that AUGUST should grieve. Without being blessed with children in his home, he and Julia were drawn to depend upon each other that much more.

He leaves a host of friends, here and in Washington. No one but those in public life know how lonely public life can become. Reisman, a sociologist, has described our modern American society as "the Lonely Crowd;" man, lonely, though surrounded by crowds.

The word that Hezekiah spoke to his pastor, I have heard Mr. ANDRESEN speak as he left the church on a Sunday morning, "The word of God, spoken, is good." The message of the Holy Scripture is relevant and good.

III. THE RECORD OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

"The rest of the deeds of Hezekiah, and all his might; how he made the pool and the conduit and brought water into the city are written in the book of the Chronicles of the Kings. And Hezekiah slept with his fathers". This is the record for Hezekiah.

That which AUGUST has accomplished may be found in the Congressional Record, and in the memories of the people whom he served. The details may lean in the area of agriculture, conservation, and labor.

There is also a Book of Life which God must keep. Something which God chooses to record may be written there.

But this is the record of the moment of greatest victory: "Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week; Mary Magdalene and Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from Heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. For fear of him, the guards trembled and became like dead men.

"But the angel said, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead and that He is going before you to Galilee" (Matthew 28). Jesus is the King who mastered death, man's final enemy.

Here is the fulfillment of Job's anticipation: "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and because He lives, I, too, can live."

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THURSDAY, *January 16, 1958.*

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. Cooper in the chair). The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution from the House of Representatives, which the clerk will read.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of Hon. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, a Representative from the State of Minnesota.

Resolved, That a committee of 12 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. THYE. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution and ask that it be read.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will read the resolution.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (S. Res. 242), as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, late a Representative from the State of Minnesota.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Mr. THYE. Mr. President, I considered AUGUST ANDRESEN a personal friend and associate. I knew him as a completely devoted and dedicated public servant. He was a man who was concerned with people and their problems. His 16 terms of service to the people of Minnesota are clear and convincing evidence as to the esteem they had for him. His record of service is a tribute to the great effort he always put forth for his people.

Mr. President, a little more than a year ago, in the fall of 1956, I was privileged to attend a dinner given in honor of the late Representative AUGUST H. ANDRESEN and the late Mrs. Andresen. The dinner was at Winona, Minn. His friends came from various parts of the State, but of course that was his particular district, the First District of Minnesota. His friends paid tribute to him and to Mrs. Andresen. I am happy that that occasion took place while they were both living, because Mrs. Andresen died in the year 1957, only some 6 months following the dinner.

At the time the people of the First District of Minnesota told of the untiring efforts of Representative AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, in his effort to serve the people, his constituency in the First District. I was privileged to speak briefly at that dinner. I paid tribute to Representative ANDRESEN'S public service.

AUGUST ANDRESEN established a very personal approach in carrying out his duties. He has actually become a real part of many homes and families in southern Minnesota. His will be a keen loss to the farmers, the small-business men along the main streets, the laboring men, the professional people throughout the entire State of Minnesota.

He was their friend, servant, and counselor. The people confided in him, had faith in him, and trusted him. This confidence, faith, and trust were never misplaced with AUGUST ANDRESEN.

There is a real emptiness today in the hearts of all who knew AUGUST ANDRESEN—there is an emptiness in the Congress of the United States—and there is a void which never will be completely filled.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on proceeding to the consideration of the resolution.

The resolution was considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to.

Under the second resolving clause the Presiding Officer appointed Mr. Thye and Mr. Humphrey as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. THYE. Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Representative from Minnesota, AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, I move that the Senate stand adjourned until 12 o'clock noon on Monday next.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 7 o'clock and 36 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned, the adjournment being, under the order previously entered, until Monday, January 20, 1958, at 12 o'clock meridian.

MONDAY, *January 27, 1958.*

Mr. THYE. Mr. President, during the past week many fine tributes have been written and spoken about former Representative AUGUST H. ANDRESEN from Minnesota's First Congressional District. They reflect the affection which people from all over the State have for him.

I wish to insert at this point in the Record an editorial from the Minneapolis Morning Tribune of January 15; an editorial from the Northfield News of Thursday, January 16; and a column from the Northfield News by another famous Minnesota citizen, Herman Roe.

There being no objection, the editorials and column were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

[From the Minneapolis Morning Tribune of January 15, 1958]

AUGUST H. ANDRESEN

Representative AUGUST H. ANDRESEN was not only the dean of Minnesota's congressional delegation. He also was one of the bulwarks of the farm bloc in Congress, and his rasping yet friendly voice often was the most persuasive one when the House was considering farm legislation—and especially so when the bill affected the dairy industry.

He never achieved his great ambition to become the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, although he was the ranking Republican during his last two terms in Washington. His defeat in the 1932 at-large election of Minnesota's Congressmen kept him from his goal when the Republicans last controlled the House in 1953–54.

He did achieve another legislative ambition, however. First elected to Congress in 1924, he served under Presidents Coolidge and Hoover, and, in recent years, often had said that he hoped to be able to serve under another Republican President before he retired. That ambition was fulfilled with the election of President Eisenhower in 1952.

His long but unsuccessful fight to prevent repeal of the Federal tax on oleomargarine, his blue cheese amendment that banned imports of some dairy products, and his opposition to many forms of international cooperation often resulted in criticism—but little from his own district. He felt he reflected his constituents' views and apparently his votes—as well as his hard campaign and his efforts to keep in touch with the people back home—explained his success at the polls.

Not even his critics questioned his honesty, his integrity and his devotion to his job and to the people of the district. His district, the State and the Nation will miss him.

[From the Northfield News of January 16, 1958]

THE GENTLEMAN FROM MINNESOTA

AUGUST H. ANDRESEN had been a Member of Congress so long, when he died unexpectedly in Washington Monday night, and had reached a position of political invincibility which seemed to make assured his continuance there for at least another decade, that his departure from the scene will seem to many as marking the end of a political era as far as the First Congressional District

of Minnesota is concerned. While a Republican is quite likely to succeed him in the special election which must now be called, although he may possibly have a different approach and different political philosophy from that exemplified by the late Congressman, the change will be more significant from a personal point of view than from a political one.

In fact, the sense of personal loss which many in Northfield community, as a typical example of the entire district, feel in Congressman ANDRESEN'S death is a key to his political success as measured by his election to Congress 16 times, but even more a tribute to his own personal interest in the people of his district. Mr. ANDRESEN was a true conservative in politics, almost an old-line Republican, and a stanch party man, often as impatient with the frills of the liberal elements in his party as he was with tendencies which he believed inherent in the opposition. But when it came to a personal interest in the people of his district, or when he sought to represent them as individuals in their contacts with their Government, he rarely thought of their political affiliations but only that they were his constituents and he wanted to serve them. So it is not surprising that through the long years of his tenure many thought of him as a personal friend.

That Congressman ANDRESEN was a man of highest integrity is well known. That he adhered steadfastly to the political principles in which he believed is a matter of record. That he understood agriculture, although he was a lawyer, and served with distinction as a ranking member of the House Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, is one of the constructive phases of his career. That he represented his district well, both as an advocate of its interests and as a servant of its people, is obviously reflected in the repeated votes of confidence which he earned.

It is no reflection on his predecessors but merely an indication of the passing years, to say that many voting citizens in Rice and Goodhue Counties have never known another Congressman, for Mr. ANDRESEN was originally elected to the House of Representatives in 1924 from the old Third District. When the State was reapportioned in 1934 and he ran for the first time in the First District, never thereafter to be defeated, these two counties had then been added to that district. Congressman ANDRESEN often said, and there is much to sustain his proud view, that he represented the finest Congressional District in the United States. Certainly it would be difficult to find anywhere else such a group of 12 homogeneous counties, with the economic balance that exists here, and the cultural and human resources that are so apparent,

which could more nearly qualify as an ideal Congressional District. A good Congressman from a good district was what Mr. ANDRESEN wanted to be, and what he was.

Often in the years during which he has been our Congressman the editorial columns of the Northfield News—a newspaper nurtured in the traditions of another of Minnesota's great Representatives in Congress, the late Joel P. Heatwole of Northfield—have contained words of appreciation of AUGUST ANDRESEN. They reflect, in part, the personal friendship and goodwill of the present publisher and the present editor, but even more they expressed the feelings of the people of Northfield community. And from Northfield, which was always close to the heart of our Red Wing neighbor and statesman, we are glad to say again, in memory of a faithful public servant—"Well done."

[From the Northfield (Minn.) News of January 16, 1958]

MEMOS FROM THE PUBLISHER'S NOTEBOOK

(By Herman Roe)

A FAREWELL TRIBUTE TO AUGUST ANDRESEN

Minnesota's First Congressional District has suffered a great loss in the death of AUGUST H. ANDRESEN, its veteran Representative in Congress.

He was the dean of Minnesota's delegation in Congress, where he served with distinction for more than three decades.

He had won recognition from his colleagues in Congress for his industry, his ability, and his good judgment.

For his devoted and faithful service on behalf of his constituents, irrespective of party affiliation, he was rewarded by the voters at 16 biennial elections by large majorities, which indicated an endorsement of his record.

The dairy farmers of the First District have lost a champion who carried on an aggressive fight to protect their interests whenever legislation was pending affecting their industry and agriculture in general.

Through his many years of service on the important Agriculture Committee he had reached top rank and played a prominent role.

While legislation relating to agriculture was Congressman ANDRESEN'S chief interest, he was always active on behalf of servicemen in the Armed Forces. This group has lost a good friend and advocate.

Labor, business, education, and other groups found in him a Representative in Congress keenly interested in their problems.

AUGUST ANDRESEN was not the showy, spectacular type of Congressman. He laid no claims to being an orator. He was not a glib promiser who catered to groups whose demands resulted in raids on the Federal Treasury.

For 40 years it was my privilege to be one of AUGUST ANDRESEN'S intimate friends and advisers.

The News office was usually his first port of call when he visited Northfield. He enjoyed coming to Northfield, was fond of our college city. Justly so, because in successive elections Northfield voters gave him larger majorities than any city in the First District, usually a 3 to 1 majority over his opponent.

The newspaper publishers and editors in the First District had no special claim on Congressman ANDRESEN. * * * He had friends and supporters in all lines of business, in the professions, on the farms; but he made it a point to cultivate the friendship of the press.

AUGUST and his wife Julia usually attended the annual meetings of the First District Editorial Association. The death of his life partner from cancer in May 1957 was a great loss and no doubt hastened his death. At the meeting held last year in Owatonna he was alone. The date was October 11, his birthday anniversary.

Due to an important engagement, I could not attend the Owatonna meeting. I called Don Reigel, publisher of the State County Photo News, requested that he order a birthday cake to be presented to Mr. ANDRESEN as a surprise happy birthday greeting at the evening banquet.

On his last visit to Northfield before leaving for Washington, he expressed his appreciation for the birthday cake. "That was the most pleasant surprise I have had in years."

He inquired solicitously, "How's Ella?" My wife's parents and his parents were friends in Red Wing in the 1880's. He expressed his concern when told that she was not in her studio at the music hall at St. Olaf College, instead was ill at home with the flu.

The following day a florist delivered at 5 Walden Place a dozen beautiful red roses with a wish for speedy recovery from Congressman ANDRESEN. A typical and thoughtful gesture by a dear friend.

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